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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that the above-referenced application be amended as indicated below before consideration of patentability on the merits.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 3.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace the claims as filed with the claims set forth below.

### CLAIMS

1. A liner for connecting a prosthesis with the stump of an amputated lower leg, comprising a stocking from a substantially flexible material for surrounding the stump with a first, open end for receiving the stump there through, and a second, closed end which is, on the outside, provided with coupling means for coupling to the prosthesis, wherein the stocking is, on the inside, provided with a substantially form-retaining disc for supporting the end of the stump, and wherein the substantially form-retaining disc is substantially non-round in a view from the open end of the stocking.
2. A The liner according to claim 1, wherein the substantially form-retaining disc is substantially oval in the view from the open end of the stocking.
3. A The liner according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the substantially form-retaining disc is substantially triangular in the view from the open end of the stocking.
4. A The liner according to claim 3, wherein the corners of the substantially triangular shape are rounded.
5. A The liner according to any one of the preceding claims claim 3, wherein the substantially triangular disc is arranged for supporting the tibia with a part which is located near a corner of the triangle.
6. A liner according to any one of the preceding claims claim 3, wherein the substantially triangular disc has a substantially cup-shaped design.

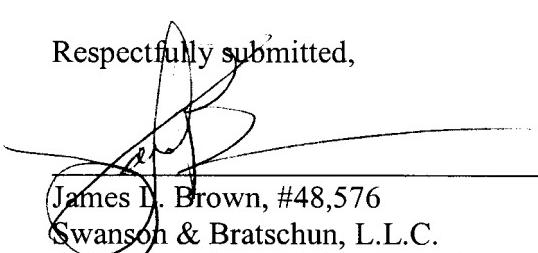
REMARKS

If it would be helpful to obtain favorable consideration of this case, the Examiner is encouraged to call and discuss this case with the undersigned.

This constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and an authorization to charge all fees therefor to deposit account No. 19-5117, if not otherwise specifically requested. The undersigned hereby authorizes the charge of any fees created by the filing of this document or any deficiency of fees submitted herewith to deposit account No. 19-5117.

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